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Subject: MLPAComments: Comments on Draft Master Plan Framework By Bill James

Dear Chairman Isenberg: Thank you for allowing me to make comment on the Draft Master Plan Framework. First I believe a lot of good work has been done but there are some glaring deficiencies. Without trying to "reinvent the wheel", I would like to endorse the comments submitted by the California Fisheries Coalition and Dr. Caroline Pomeroy and Dr. Monica Hunter. My additional comments are as follows: 1. Use a Net National Benefit Analysis for socio-economic impacts of mpa's and alternative mpa's. 2. Include socio-economic consideration of networks and linkages between ports, and or fishing communities. 3. Analyse the problem of "Restoring Top Carnivores as Detriments to the Performance of Marine Protected Areas Intended for Fishery Sustainability".The "Species Likely to Benefit" list includes both Top Predators an prey species. The predators will most likely cause a decrease in both number and size of prey species listed as "Species most likely to benefit" thereby decreasing Biodiversity in Nearshore waters impacting invertebrates and the 19 Nearshore Finfish Species. These are threats to Biodiversity (1. Sea Otters vs. crabs ,clams, sea urchins, abalone, mussels, etc. 2. Lingcod vs. Nearshore finfish species). This possibility must be scientifically reviewed before siting any MPA's. Also, the Governor's " Ocean Action Plan" specifically states " Goal #1 "Increase abundance and diversity of California's ocean marine resources". Goal #4 Support ocean dependent economic activities". Top Predators have shown to decrease abundance and decrease biodiversity. The master plan must address these problems and conflicting goals. #4 Phasing and "Sunset clauses are necessary as a alternative to allow for new scientific information to be reviewed concerning the mpa sites. Sincerely, Bill James